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Dear SCSU Foundation Stakeholders:



Dr. Jackie Epps, '69

loyal and dedicated support during this economic downturn. In spite of the economic crisis, private gifts donated to SCSU Foundation represented a new record totaling \$2.22MM (up 20% vs. year ago). Your strong support enabled the Foundation to award a record number of scholarships, helping financially challenged students continue their pursuit of their educational goal.

During the calendar year 2009, the Foundation has allocated and awarded nearly \$1MM in support of need-based scholarships as our students continue to experience an enormous financial strain. The Foundation needs your unwavering support to ensure that funds are available for need-based scholarships as students return during the spring semester of 2010.

As we look forward, the Foundation Fundraising Committee is actively planning for an exciting fun-filled 2010 Scholarship Gala which will be held on February 20, 2010. Please make a commitment to support this fundraising initiative.

Finally, in an effort to make giving easier and more convenient, we now offer you All Clearing House (ACH), an automatic account debit donation process. You can arrange for your SC State donation to be automatically debited from your bank account on a monthly basis. Simply, go to SC State's web-site homepage (www.scsu.edu), click "Give to SC State" and print the ACH form. Complete the form and mail it to the Foundation at PO Box 7187, Orangeburg, SC 29117, or fax it to (803) 536-8429.

Thank you for your trust and thank you for supporting SC State University.

Sincerely,

Jackie Epps, '69
Interim Executive Director

South Carolina State University Foundation

★Scholarship Gala & Tribute★

A NIGHT AMONG THE STARS AT THE

★COTTON CLUB★

Saturday, February 20, 2010

Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center

South Carolina State University

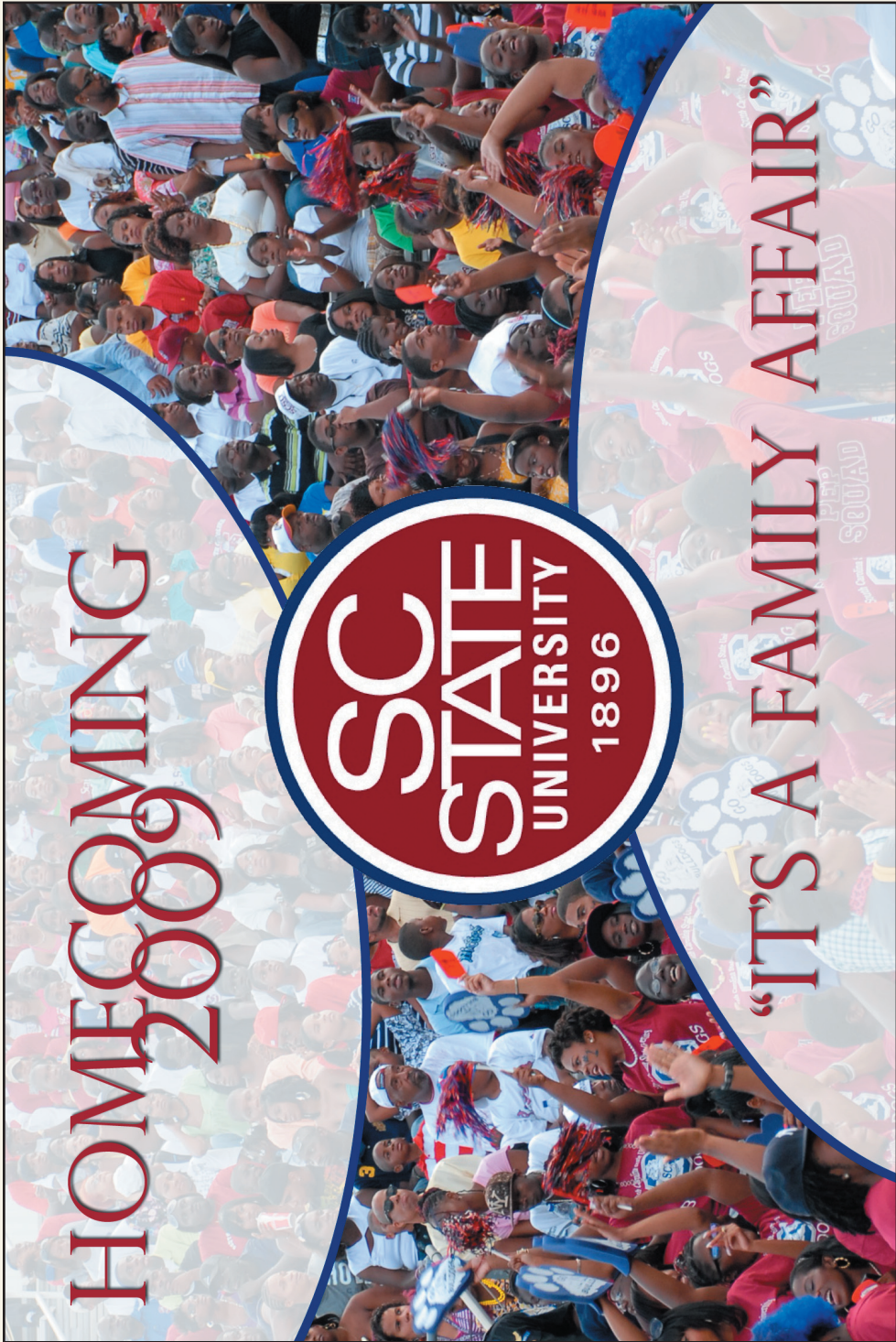
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Focus on the *future*



Dr. George E. Cooper

President's Address to Faculty and Staff General Assembly October 7, 2009

I want to thank you for all that you do, have done, and will continue to do for SC State University. This gathering today, is an opportunity for me to share some of the challenges we have faced and continue to face since our 2009 school opening convocation. I also want to update you, the faculty and staff of this great university, on the State of SC State University, as well as to provide an opportunity for you to ask questions. Because we value the academy, and the work done on behalf of our students, our session today will be limited to one hour in length. Despite the time limit, the Cabinet and I are open to participating in other forums with faculty and staff to listen, share information, and improve communications for the betterment of SC State University.

As we make budget and management decisions that will have an impact on this university, it is through all of our efforts that we succeed as an institution. It is important that you know in these challenging economic times, the Board as well as the Administration is being deliberate, strategic and methodical in the approaches taken in response to the fiscal challenges we have faced and continue to face, all while being sensitive to you, and our mission.

The press continues to document the challenges faced by South Carolina State agencies, including SC State University. Because of the economy, our state tax revenues have declined, and we have had to make reductions in our revenue and expense projections through furloughs, reductions-in-force, reclassifications, and general belt tightening. Our actions are no different than that of other state agencies. We are all comparing notes and experiences as we navigate these difficult times.

During the past two years, SC State University experienced a reduction in state appropriations of \$8.2 million. At the same period (FY 2008-2009) tuition and fees for educational and general purposes increased approximately \$4.0 million, thereby creating a shortfall of \$4.2 million in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The shortfall was offset by various actions, including: (1) freeze on hiring, (2) seven-day furlough (3) reduction in operating expenses (4) reduction-in-force and (5) non-renewal of appointments. All of these actions were driven by the State Human Resources policy, as well as the University's policy.

In addition, the University had to utilize fund balances from other unrestricted areas thereby eliminating some of our reserves. Nonetheless, the University ended the year June 30, 2009 with a balanced budget.

Despite those measures, today for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, the administration is faced with a budget deficit of \$6 million. This deficit is based on a number of factors to include, Scholarships and waivers paid to stabilize enrollment, Fall student enrollment, numbers lower than predicted, and, a recent (additional) reduction in state appropriations of 4.04% (700,000).

We have experienced a tremendous decline in appropriated state resources that has impacted us all. Three years ago SC State received \$28 million in state appropriations, and this year we will receive \$17 million. Last year we were not allowed a mid-year increase in tuition. This year, tuition was increased 8.4%. Room charges increased modestly to make much needed improvements in some of our older dormitories.

Reality for us is that we must manage our resources based on "musts" not "wants." Our focus must be on our highest priorities. We must review our business process to determine efficiencies and responsibilities to our students including the registration process, responsible use of the Banner modules and quality of customer service to our students. We must also reassess our student recruitment and retention efforts. The 5,102 enrollment target was based on our 2006-2011 strategic plan which showed enrollment growth to 6,000 students by 2014. Our current enrollment is 4,556 students with a 5-year average enrollment of 4,400.

For the full General Assembly Address, visit the SC State website: www.scsu.edu

Continuing To Make History: SC State University receives a \$13 million grant

SC State University recently received notification that it will receive \$13 million over the next three years (Sept. 1, 2009-Aug.31, 2012) to continue the development of textbooks and other learning materials, as a part of the TLMP program.

The notification results in the highest grant award that SC State University has ever received.

"This recent grant award brings significant international acclaim to SC State University," said Dr. George E. Cooper, president. "This is the catalyst that SC State needs as it positions itself to become a major player in comprehensive international development activities," he continued.

TLMP is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Africa Education Initiative and aims to expand the academic opportunities for African students. While SC State worked with Zanzibar under phase one of the program, under the new award (phase two), it will expand its work to produce educational materials for Mainland, Tanzania.

"SC State looks forward to sustaining the excellent international partnerships developed since the inception of this program," said Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre, principal investigator for the grant and interim vice president for Research, Economic Development and Public Service at SC State. "It is humbling to contribute in our small measure to the educational and socio-economic development of the future leaders of the United Republic of Tanzania," McIntyre continued.

Prior to the new award, SC State has received \$5.5 million from the program to write, produce, and distribute textbooks and other learning materials. Of the six universities involved in the TLMP project, SC State is the only University collaboratively working to produce textbooks and other learning materials at the secondary education levels.

In January 2008, SC State made a historic international impact when University officials handed over 265,000 biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics textbooks and other learning materials to the President of Zanzibar, Dr. Amani Abeid Karume. Seven months later, in August 2008, the 10th president of SC State, Dr. George E. Cooper accompanied University officials to Zanzibar, delivering more than 648,000 textbooks.

The textbooks were developed during the first phase of the project through partnerships with USAID/ Washington, DC, USAID Mission/Tanzania, the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training (MoEVT)/Zanzibar, and faculty and administrators at SC State. To date, SC State has delivered more than 1 million textbooks and other learning materials to Zanzibar, changing the student to textbook ratio from 1:23 to 1:1 for the first time in the history of Zanzibar.

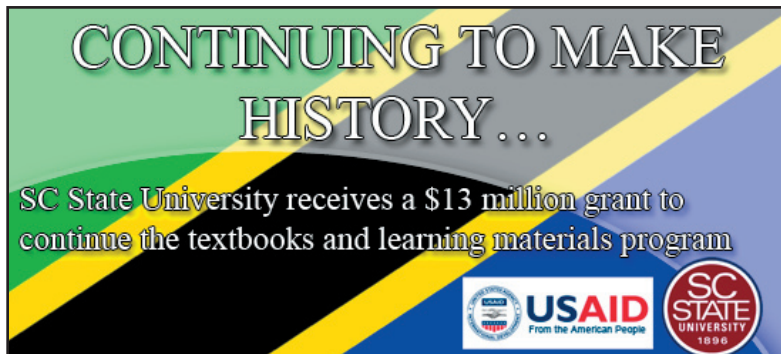
"As SC State postures itself to become a research university, this grant solidifies the impact that SC State makes among peers in generating grant dollars, said Mr. Elbert Malone, assistant vice president of Sponsored Programs for SC State. "Historically speaking, this award represents more than 20% of all funds generated for research over a given three-year period," he continued.

By creating a unique model in textbook and learning materials development, SC State has and will continue to develop culturally relevant, language-sensitive materials that are deliberately and specifically aligned with Tanzanian curricula to address academic as well as cross cutting socio-economic issues.

"There are many SC State administrators, faculty, staff, and students who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this program," said Lamin Drammeh, program manager for TLMP. "The writers, editors, and contributors to these textbooks and learning materials now have a profound understanding and appreciation for international development work, and have assisted SC State garnering incredible publicity and exposure, all while benefiting in such areas as professional development and publishing," he continued.

On Sept. 16, the SC State team led by President Cooper and Dr. McIntyre will attend the official launch of the TLMP video in Washington, D.C. The video will include highlights from the six universities involved in the first phase of the project, with a significant amount of the video showing the work of SC State.

"In this global community in which we live, the future of every society lies in the education of its children," said Dr. McIntyre. "With the continuation of this program, SC State is confident that through our partnership with Tanzania, we have contributed positively to that future," he exclaimed.



Anonymous Graduate Donates \$250,000 to SC State University

Despite economic challenges, declining state resources and numerous budget cuts, a graduate of SC State University continued to show their support by anonymously donating \$250,000 to the University.

President George E. Cooper accepted the unrestricted gift on behalf of the University, presented by Dr. Jackie Epps, interim vice president for Institutional Advancement and Dr. Rodell Lawrence, assistant vice president of Alumni Relations.

"It was encouraging and exciting to learn about the gift as it will allow us to make expenditures that will help our university. Because of the need that many of our students bring, most of the funds will be used to provide need-based scholarships to students at the University," said President George E. Cooper.

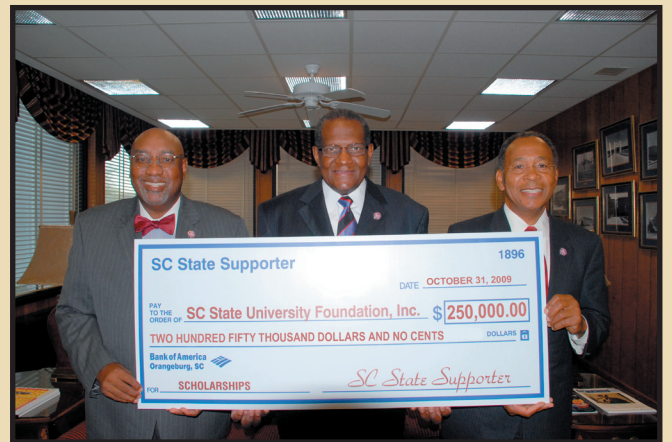
Describing the anonymous donation as one that is silent, yet powerful, Cooper states how important it is for other alumni to support the University. "Receiving an anonymous gift signifies a trust in leadership and an incentive to other alumni to give back and support SC

State University. It's a silent way to say I believe in the University and I'm encouraging other alumni to do the same."

Epps concurs stating, "The anonymous donor has a profound passion for education and recognizes that it's paramount for success. It's an honorable gesture for the donor to recognize our students' financial challenges and invest in their future, helping them realize their educational dream," continued Epps.

In efforts to support their Alma Mater, SC State alumni have increased their giving up to 23 percent in the last year. Additionally, the University has set a new record for private gifts during the 2008-09 fiscal year, which ended on June 30th.

"This year's support of alumni has been outstanding and this donation is just another



(l to r) Dr. Rodell Lawrence, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations, Dr. George E. Cooper, SC State President, and Dr. Jackie Epps, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

example of the support we received from one of our alumni. It demonstrates how, in these tough economic times, an individual will step up and give back to their Alma Mater. We are greatly appreciative of the selfless act by this donor and hope that many alumni will join in the effort to give back," stated Lawrence.



Jonathan N. Pinson

Jonathan N. Pinson, elected new Chairman of the SC State Board of Trustees

Jonathan N. Pinson was elected to serve as the chairman of the South Carolina State University Board of Trustees on Sept. 1, 2009. He will serve the remainder of former board chairman, Lumus Byrd's term which will expire in June 2010.

Chairman Pinson has been a member of the SC State University Board of Trustees since 2005.

Currently, Chairman Pinson is the president of Professional Staffing Solution based in Greenville, S.C. He is also part owner of Travinia's Italian Kitchen, (locations in Greenville, S.C., Columbia, S.C., and Myrtle Beach, S.C.); and the Hilton Columbia Center Hotel, Columbia, S.C.; as well as other business ventures.

Newly elected Chairman Pinson said, "I want to thank the Board for electing me to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Collectively, we will work to support SC State University and move its current and future initiatives forward."

SC State Appoints Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Research & Economic Development

During the last three months, SC State has welcomed three new vice presidents in the areas of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Research and Economic Development.

Dr. Joyce A. Blackwell

Dr. Joyce A. Blackwell, vice president for Academic Affairs, began her tenure at SC State on July 1, 2009.

As the vice president for Academic Affairs, Blackwell serves as the chief academic officer for the University and will be responsible for all academic affairs related to undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs. She will provide leadership and vision in enhancing the excellence of existing, nationally-recognized academic programs and in guiding the development of new degree offerings.

Prior to coming to SC State, Blackwell served as the vice president for academic affairs at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C. Her responsibilities were organized into the following categories: faculty governance and office management; curriculum and program development; faculty matters, student matters, communication with external publics; financial and facilities management; data management, and institutional support.

Blackwell's academic experiences also include serving as interim associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at Fayetteville State University; dean for the Division of Social Sciences at Saint Augustine's College; and chairperson for the Department of History, Government and Public Policy also at Saint Augustine's College. A tenured professor of history, Blackwell was founder and director of the Women's Studies Program at Meredith College.

Blackwell has published several articles and is the author of the pioneer study, *No Peace without Freedom: Race and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1915-1970*.

She received a bachelor's degree in history and education from North Carolina Central University; a master's degree in history and education from North Carolina Central University; and a terminal degree in women's history and African American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Charles N. Smith

Dr. Charles N. Smith began as the vice president for the Division of Student Affairs in August 2009.

As vice president for Student Affairs, Smith's responsibilities include oversight of residential affairs, counseling, health and psychological services, career development, student activities, enrollment management and admissions, financial aid and the registrar's office, multi-cultural affairs, campus police, and Sodexo food services.

Smith's professional experience in student endeavors spans from 1981 in his role as assistant professor of Honor Pro-

grams and director of Student Special Services, to his most recent position as associate provost and vice president for Student Services at Alabama State University.

Smith has also served as vice president of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Delaware State University; associate vice president for Student Development/Intercollegiate Athletic, and assistant provost and dean for Student Development/Community Relations at Chicago State University; director of Minority Affairs and special assistant to the provost at George Mason University; and assistant professor of Psychology at Gulf Coast Community College.

Smith's educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, both from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., and an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va.

Dr. Dale Wesson

Dr. Dale Wesson joined SC State on Oct. 1, 2009, to serve as vice president for the Division of Research, Economic Development, and Public Service Activities.

Wesson provides leadership and coordination in the development, implementation, operation, and assessment of programs that support creative scholarship. He also provides support for innovative academic programs, extension/community service and sponsored research throughout the University. Also, Wesson is responsible for ensuring that the University's academic, research, extension, community outreach and economic development activities are administered in accordance with relevant State and Federal policies, rules and regulations with a view toward maximizing all available state and federal resources to support the University's mission.

Further, Wesson maintains communications with funding agencies and partnership organizations; engage University administrators, faculty and staff on trends and factors affecting faculty competitiveness for extramural funding; interpret, implement and monitor federal, state, local, commercial and non-profit agency policies and regulations governing grant and contract management; provide leadership in garnering funding and support for disciplinary and multi-disciplinary activities through grants and contracts, consistent with the land grant



Dr. Joyce A. Blackwell



Dr. Charles N. Smith



Dr. Dale Wesson

mission; and develop and implement policies and procedures for proposal submission, negotiation of contracts, grants and awards, in conduct of sponsored activities.

Prior to joining SC State, Wesson served as the associate vice president of Research at Florida A&M University (FAMU). From June 2008 through May 2009, he served as the interim vice president for Research at Florida A&M University.

At FAMU, Wesson was responsible for managing the research enterprise of the university, with expenditures of approximately \$48 million annually, and consisted of the Office of Sponsored Programs, responsible for the acquisition and management of the university research effort; the Office of Technology Transfer and research Integrity, which managed the transfer and protection of university technology; and, the Office of Animal Welfare and Research Integrity, which maintained the research animal facilities while ensuring the integrity of research being conducted at the university.

During his tenure as interim vice president for Research, the United States Federal Government awarded FAMU \$12.4 million for defense research projects. This is the direct result of the collaborative efforts of the Florida State Legislature, FAMU lobbyists and the FAMU Division of Research. As a result, FAMU received more research dollars in this appropriation than any other university in the State University System of Florida.

Wesson has more than 50 combined journal publications and technical presentations, with current research in the area of computational fluid dynamics with a special emphasis on modeling blood flow in the coronary arteries and other anatomic bifurcations.

Wesson received his bachelor of science degree from Illinois Institute of Technology, his master of science degree from Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Ga., and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan

“REACHING BACK”

Alumni Partner with SC State University's Career Center to Offer the United States Coast Guard's College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative

SC State University alumni Pride L. Sanders and Christy Rutherford were ecstatic when they signed up for the United States Coast Guard, but upon graduation, fear seeped in and made them question their motives. Why did we do this? What did we get ourselves into? These were questions that ran amuck in the minds of Sanders and Rutherford.

Rutherford recalls her reason for enrolling in the U.S. Coast Guard while attending SC State University. The incentive: her friend's car. Rutherford's friend had just returned from the U.S. Coast Guard boot camp and bought a new car with her salary. "I remember saying, 'I want to be just like that,'" recalled Rutherford. Now a congressional fellow on the U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, one may venture to say that Rutherford has exceeded her own expectations, and has gone far beyond just admiring a shiny, new car.

Rutherford, a 1998 graduate of SC State and lieutenant commander, has conducted counter drug patrols in the Caribbean, capturing drug smugglers intending to transfer these illegal goods into the U.S., coordinated and responded to Maritime emergencies, responded to Hurricane Katrina, and ensured port safety and security in Houston.

At 22, Rutherford's first assignment in the U.S. Coast Guard was on a cutter ship, defined as any Coast Guard vessel over 65-feet in length. "This job taught me multi-tasking, delegating, being a leader, and empowerment," says Rutherford. "We were empowered to make decisions at a young age."

Currently as a subcommittee member, Rutherford is heavily involved in hearings on piracy, U.S. Coast Guard, drug, and migrant interdictions, and mariner education.

Sanders' job is equally significant. Also a 1998 graduate of SC State, Sanders is currently a lieutenant commander for the U.S. Coast Guard with a focus on counternarcotics and counter narcoterrorism at the Pentagon. Previously, Sanders served as the commanding officer of a 110 foot patrol boat based out of Miami, Florida. He is one of the few, if not the only graduate from an HBCU, to command a Coast Guard cutter.

Leadership is exemplified in the U.S. Coast Guard, and both Rutherford and Sanders are diligently working on obtaining leaders from their alma mater, SC State University. The number of minority officers in the U.S. Coast Guard is low, but there are scholarship opportunities available that will encourage students to enroll in this significant organization, one reason why Sanders and Rutherford have encouraged the U.S. Coast Guard to partner with HBCU's such as SC State.

While recruitment is not Rutherford and Sanders' mission, it's difficult to ignore the positive attributes of entering the U.S. Coast Guard, including a starting salary of approximately \$40,000, and a retirement plan that could gain one up to \$55,000 a year upon retirement around the age of 40.

Ironically, just as Rutherford envisioned a life that mimicked her friend's, anyone, can start on a path-way to success. Through the U.S. Coast Guard's College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI), a person will receive up to \$2,200 per month while attending school, up to two years of paid tuition, fees, and books, paid medical and dental insurance, 30 days paid annual vacation and more. After college graduation and completion of Officer Candidate School, he will also become a commissioned officer and receive valuable U.S. Coast Guard training.

Some eligibility requirements include maintaining a grade point average of 2.5 or better, completion of the bachelor's degree within 24 months after entry in the program, a score of 1,000

on the SAT, 1100 on the SAT I, 23 on the ACT, or ASVAB GT of 109 or higher, and be a U.S. citizen.

For more information on CSPI, including a full list of eligibility requirements, contact local recruiter, Charles W. Cunningham, at (803) 699-7230. One may also contact the Career Center at (803) 536-7033.

South Carolina State University Alumnus Selected As Brigadier General in United States Army

Colonel Stephen M. Twitty, a 1985 graduate of SC State, has been nominated by President Barack Obama for promotion to Brigadier General in the United States Army. Colonel Twitty will become the 14th General Officer to graduate from South Carolina State University, and the 12th general officer to graduate from the University's distinguished Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Colonel Twitty is a native of Chesnee, S.C. He holds a master's degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Mich., and a master's degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington, DC.

Colonel Twitty's army career spans over 24 years. Colonel Twitty has served in a variety of assignments throughout the United States and overseas. Those assignments include duty at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Stewart, Georgia; the Pentagon in Washington, DC; Heidelberg, Germany; Schweinfurt, Germany; Mons, Belgium; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Colorado Springs, Colorado. Colonel Twitty is currently serving at Fort McPherson, Georgia as the chief of staff of United States Central Command.

Colonel Twitty has served in four combat tours; during the first Gulf War in Operation Desert Storm, and most recently three tours in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom where he was awarded the Silver Star Medal, our nation's third highest award for valor. Colonel Twitty received this award for his actions as an Infantry Battalion commander during the fall of Baghdad in 2003. He has also been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

Colonel Twitty was inducted into the Army ROTC Hall of Fame in 2009, and was selected as one of South Carolina State University's Distinguished Alumni in 2004. Colonel Twitty is married to the former Karen M. Wilson. They have two daughters, Ashley and Brooke.



Brigadier General Stephen M. Twitty

T'Anna Michelle Roberts Elected Miss Homecoming 2009



T'Anna Michelle Roberts is SC State University's Miss Homecoming 2009. "I am honored to have been chosen by the SC State football team. I represent what they represent, which is hard work ethic, dedication and high academic scholastics," said Roberts.

A native of Atlanta, Ga, Roberts, is a sophomore, agribusiness major. She is the daughter of Micheal Tyler Sr. and Thelma Roberts.

Influenced by her mother's compassion and endurance to help others, Roberts has devoted countless hours to her community. As a deputy fire marshal community volunteer for the City of East Point Fire Department, she assisted neighbors and other citizens with first aid, blood pressure monitoring, fire prevention and emergency escape plan training. In 2008, Roberts was awarded the Unsung Hero Award for being an outstanding volunteer and community service provider.

At SC State, she is a member of the Student Orientation Leadership (SOL) program. She has also played the saxophone for 11 years, and is a member of the "best band in the land," SC State's Marching 101 Band.

After obtaining graduating from SC State, Roberts plans to attend graduate school to pursue a degree in foreign language. Her future goals are to 'dominate' the international trading division.

Prior to attending SC State, Roberts was an active member of the following organizations: Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and National Technical Honor Society (NTHS).

As a determined and motivated person, Robert's motto is (a quote by Confucius) "our greatest glory is not in ever falling but in rising every time we fall."



The Collegian: Ninety-Six Years of News

The Collegian, the official student voice of SC State University for over 96 years, has a long history of news, features, humor and entertainment. The newspaper is student run, but has managed to develop a fan base of faculty, staff, alumni and students.

Records as far back as 1954 reveal that The Collegian staff members developed a specific motto- "challenging the traditional way we do things." In 2009, we are still following that mantra by covering high profile news stories, discussing taboo topics and embracing modern technology, including our website www.thescsu-collegian.com, our Facebook page, our Youtube account and our Twitter page which provides a constant stream of daily news.

As editor-in-chief, I have had the opportunity to interview the university's president, members of his cabinet, the campus police chief as well, as persons involved in the bowling alley protests which culminated in the infamous Orangeburg Massacre.

The Collegian staff firmly believes that knowledge is power; we believe that students should be informed about furloughs, the university's budget and economic challenges, so that as future alumni, they can plan to give back to their alma mater. We believe that students should be aware of safety concerns so that they can protect themselves and be more aware of their surroundings. We also firmly believe that The Collegian should act as a conversation starter to discuss taboo issues that get swept under the carpet, but still affect our community.

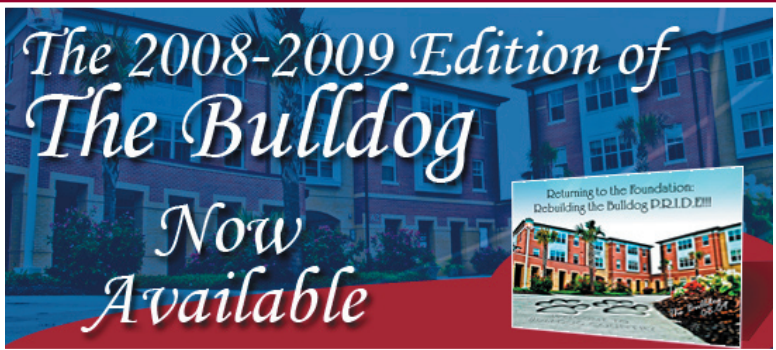
Working for The Collegian is not only a means of self expression, but also a way of developing students holistically. Regardless of a student's major or career ambitions, this medium gives students the opportunity to develop their writing skills, sharpen their critical thinking abilities, leadership skills and their ability to meet deadlines and take effective photos. It also helps boost their creative resume because students have the opportunity to learn programs like Photoshop and Indesign.

This is also practical experience for aspiring journalists. Our 2007-2008 Editor, Dante Mozie, recently graduated with his master's degree in Journalism from Northwestern University. Other editors and staff writers have gone on to become bankers, teachers and graphic page designers.

In our 96th year, The Collegian is still an important source of campus news. Now with a new look and new readers, we are still the same student voice of SC State University.



Dervedia M. Thomas, Editor-in-Chief of The Collegian



The 2008-2009 edition of the "Bulldog" Yearbook is now available. Available for students enrolled during the 2008-2009 academic year (ID Required).

SC State Creates 2009 Football Game Zone

The SC State Athletic Department would like to thank you for your continued support of all our teams and student-athletes. In an effort to provide the highest quality game-day experience to our alumni and fans, some changes have been made to the parking and ticket policies for the upcoming football season. Please read carefully.

- Anyone entering campus from Gate 2 (Pinckney/Russell Streets) and Gate 3 (Magnolia Street/Highway 601) will be charged \$5.00 per vehicle to park on campus. Faculty-staff-student decals will be honored only at Gates 2 and 3 on game-days (no charge).
- Fans entering campus from Gate 1 (Buckley/Russell Streets),

Gate 4 (Buckley/Goff Streets), or Gate 5 (Chestnut Street/Highway 21 Bypass) will be required to have valid reserved parking passes purchased in advance in addition to a game ticket for each person in the vehicle. When available, game-day parking will be \$10 per car (only through Gate 4), and each person in the vehicle will be required to have a game ticket.

- Pedestrians entering the GAME ZONE will be required to have a game ticket for entry into the area. Points of entry to the Game Zone include (on-campus) State Street at Rowe Hall and Naylor Street at Mitchell Hall, as well as Gates 1, 4, and 5.
- Tickets will be available on game-day at various satellite ticket locations on campus at Gates 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, the University

Bookstore, and in the Orangeburg community. Tickets may always be purchased in advance through the SC State Ticket Office by calling 803-536-8579 or 1-800-298-9157.

- Fans are encouraged to purchase a ticket in advance of game day and arrive early for home games.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to make everyone aware of the changes in policy.

Please take a look below for a map of the campus that is marked to help you understand the new information. For more information, please contact the SC State Ticket Office at 803-536-8579 or 1-800-298-9157.

5th Annual FIRST Tech Robotics Competition

December 4 -5, 2009

Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Fembots
2008 FIRST Tech Robotics Competition Champions